

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Award of Contract -
Fire Safety and Intrusion

ITEM NO: 10A

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MEETING: September 28, 2004
ACTION DATE: October 12, 2004

Andrew F. Hicks, Director
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ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the School Board approve award of contract in the amount of \$51,769.00 for intrusion and fire alarm services to SimplexGrinnell, Sterling, Virginia, effective November 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.

KEY POINTS:

- ◆ Presently Southern Fire and Safety Systems is providing intrusion and fire alarm services for the district. The original bid, which was awarded July 1, 2001, allows for three one-year renewal options. On June 31, 2004, the second renewal year was completed. Since this date, services have been purchased on a monthly basis.
- ◆ The specific services provided by Southern Fire and Safety Systems includes all preventative maintenance and inspections, monitoring, service calls and repairs. FY05 budgeted amount for these services is \$33,797.00.
- ◆ During the past fiscal year Southern Fire and Safety Systems has provided unsatisfactory service characterized by untimely completion of annual tests of each school's fire alarm system and the repair of existing fire code violations.
- ◆ Significant concerns have been voiced by the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services regarding Southern Fire and Safety Systems' ability to perform the necessary services as required.
- ◆ Meetings with Southern Fire and Safety Systems to address outstanding issues have yielded unacceptable outcomes and have confirmed our perception that this company does not have the manpower and resources necessary to provide efficient services for the district.
- ◆ Simplex Grinnell was awarded a contract for like services by Fairfax County Schools. Their service rating is good. Stafford County Public Schools can utilize the solicitation of Fairfax County Schools to satisfy procurement requirements. Will consider renewal options at the end of FY05.

SCHOOL BOARD GOAL:

Goal 7: Provide school environments where teachers are safe to teach and students are safe to learn.

FUNDING SOURCE: Reserve for Contingencies Fund

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: N/A